



Lake Park Villager

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GOVERNMENT CALENDAR

Village government meetings and elections are held at the Community Center and are open to the public.

- April 23** 7:00 PM Village Council Annual Budget Meeting
- May 14** 7:00 PM Village Council Meeting
- May 21** 7:00 PM Planning Board Meeting
- May 27** Village Office Closed - Memorial Day
- May 28** 6:30 PM Economic Development Commission
- May 28** 6:30 PM Parks & Recreation Commission

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

LAKE PARK PUBLIC PARKS OPEN DAWN TO DUSK YEAR ROUND

LAKE PARK TENNIS COURTS LIMIT USE TO 1 HOUR – ALL USERS
PAUL WOLFCAL RECREATION COMPLEX

LAKE PARK BUSINESS LUNCH IRA BASS: "MAKE LINKEDIN WORK"
APRIL 23 – 12:00 NOON - 1:00 PM LAKE PARK COMMUNITY CENTER

GIRLS ON THE RUN ANNUAL 5K RACE (3.1 MILES) 704-226-6613
APRIL 27 – 7:00 AM TIL 9 AM LAKE PARK COMMUNITY CENTER

LAKE PARK SINGLES – AGES 55+ PRESIDENT JEAN FOSTER
MAY 2 – 7:00 PM LAKE PARK COMMUNITY CENTER

LAKE PARK POOL PASS SATURDAY SALE
MAY 4 – 9:00 AM TO 12 NOON LAKE PARK COMMUNITY CENTER

SAGES CRAFTS & CARD GAMES
MAY 6 – 1:00 PM
MAY 20 – 11:15 AM LUNCH LAKE PARK COMMUNITY CENTER

HEARTLINK BUSINESS WOMEN NETWORK
MAY 8 – 11:00 AM – 1:30 PM LUNCH RSVP 704-451-2749
MAY 9 – 6:30 TO 9:00 PM DINNER LAKE PARK COMMUNITY CENTER

MOVIES IN THE PARK : 'WRECK IT RALPH' SPONSORED BY HOA
MAY 10 – 8:00 PM TOWN CENTER PARK

GARDEN CLUB MEETING DANIEL STOWE BOTANICAL GARDENS TOUR
MAY 20 – 10:00 AM \$10 LAKE PARK COMMUNITY CENTER

LAKE PARK VILLAGER NEWSLETTER MAY 17 DEADLINE
IN-HOME BY MAY 28 E-MAIL OR PHONE ITEMS TO SANDY COUGHLIN

LAKE PARK POOLS ADMISSION FEES OR PASSES REQUIRED
OPEN MAY 25 THRU LABOR DAY 10-8 MON-SAT, 10-6 SUN

Budget Talks Held

Village Council meets April 23 at 7:00 pm for the annual public meeting to prepare Lake Park's municipal budget for July 2013 – June 2014. The proposed budget will be available for review at www.lakeparknc.gov or at the Clerk's office April 24. The public is welcome to attend the hearing on the proposed budget, tentatively scheduled for 7:00 pm in the Lake Park Community Center May 14. Have an idea that should be included in the new budget? Contact any Councilperson. Council approval is needed for the new budget to go into effect July 1, 2013.

Stop Signs Requested

Following an April 9 request from Creft Circle resident Ron Oxford, Council resumed investigating traffic activity for Creft Circle between Lake Park Road and Faith Church Road. Street parking, vehicle speed and lane width are factors of growing community concern. Council is considering 4-way stop signs on Creft Circle at the two Balsam Street crossings. Sheriff deputies are monitoring speeds and will report to Council May 9. Contact any Councilperson with your view. If you frequently walk, ride or drive around Town Center, do you think the crossings are safe enough now, or not?

Planning Board Vacancy

Applicants may express interest in the volunteer opening on Lake Park Planning Board/Board of Adjustments until May 15, 2013. The combined boards meet third Tuesdays. LPPB reviews and approves site plans and may recommend UDO and Zoning Map amendments to Village Council. LPBA reviews and may approve variance requests and special land use permits, and approve any appeals to administrative actions or decisions. For a 3-year term to start on July 1, 2013, contact Village Clerk Cheri Clark, Mark Philips or David Cleveland.

Union County OK on UDO

The Lake Park UDO was unanimously approved by the Union County Board of Commissioners at their April 15 public meeting. Mayor Kendall Spence, Mayor Pro Tem David Cleveland and Planning Board Chairman Greg Crosby attended the meeting and had requested

Security Tip

🔔 Prevent false alarms ~ know your pass code.

Lake Park Village Government Call List

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Cheri Clark – Clerk/Tax Collector

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Cheryl Bennett, Finance Officer

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Deputy Leslie Brett & Deputy Richard Haywood

Call 911 to report emergency or any suspicious behavior.

For non-emergency: (704) 289-1591

officer@lakeparknc.gov

that the County relinquish zoning and land use regulatory authority to the Village now that Lake Park has adopted its own Unified Development Ordinance. The UDO becomes effective July 1, 2013.

A Zoning Administrator will need to be appointed by Village Council. Council may choose to enforce the UDO on either a proactive or a complaint-driven basis. The latter would avoid the additional cost of a Code Enforcement Officer unless a separate Nuisance Ordinance is developed. Small municipalities frequently choose to adopt a complaint driven approach.

Getting Away?

The best people to tell that you are getting away for a few days are our sheriff deputies and trusted neighbors. Send your away dates to officer@lakeparknc.gov in an email. Include an emergency contact number. Deputies are happy to check your property during their routine patrols. Stop mail and newspapers and put away your trash bin and cart. These are proven ways to keep vandals from 'getting away' with harmful pranks.

Fishing Thrills at 8 Ponds

For only \$2 a year, residents age 16 and older can enjoy catch-and-release fishing from the shoreline at Lake Charles, Alden, Normandy, Veterans, Churchill and the three Garden District ponds. All eight are designated for public fishing. No permit is needed for youth 15 and under. Buy permits at the Village Clerk's Office in the Community Center between 9 AM and 12 Noon, Monday through Friday. Non-resident permits are \$20.

Have permit with you while fishing. Deputy citations may be issued to 16 and older fishing without a permit, or fishing at the Lake Park Entrance Pond, Connie's Pond and Versailles Pond. These three ponds are off limits to fishing by anyone. Russell Park and Bobbie Lane ponds are only for youth up to age 15. Swimming or wading are not allowed in any Lake Park ponds.

Pets Lost or Found

It can be a scary time for a pet owner when the family dog or cat gets out and cannot be found on home property. The HOA management company offers a fast lost-and-found email blast to alert all online resident subscribers. Contact lakepark@Braesael.com with the details, a photo, and in minutes fellow residents may help bring owner and pet together again. This works well and it also complies with the local ban on placing any flyers on lamp posts or street signs.

Dog Walker Convenience

With spring weather, it's not only pet owners out walking. Visible feces is neither healthy nor worthy of considerate pet owners and our beautiful village. Avoid a deputy citation by following Lake Park's 'clean up after pet' law. No need to tote that baggie far. You'll find five pet stations (with free baggies) and many trash bins around our walkways.

Economic Development

► At Town Center's **Bellasera Bistro**, owners Alicia and Michael Wallace prepare all catered items, fresh food and specialty baking, here at 6202 Creft Circle. Given 20 years of restaurant expertise, the Wallace's catering business is already booked solid through June 30, 2013. ► **Licensed Massage Therapy** is available again at Total Tranquility now that **Andrea Owens** joined the team at 6316 Creft Circle. ► **Custom benches** will be installed on the broad sidewalks at Creft and Meeting Streets this summer to encourage residents to enjoy this area.

Business Network Lunches resume Tuesday, April 23 with Ira Bass, IB Media business owner and consultant, speaking to Lake Park professional leaders at the Community Center about using LinkedIn as a successful marketing tool. Call Sandy Coughlin (above) or text John Box at 704-780-4204 to register. Light lunch will be available. All Lake Park business owners, managers and professional leaders are welcome.

Parks & Recreation

Algae control treatments in **Lake Park ponds** started in March by Aquatic Resources and will repeat in April, May and June. Each \$1500 treatment is included in the annual ponds maintenance budget.

Season pool passes are available 9:00 am to 12 noon, Monday through Friday (and one Saturday morning May 4) at the Community Center Clerk's Office for season pass purchases. Passes paid on or before May 4 receive five free daily use passes. Opening day is Saturday May 25, Memorial Day weekend. Pools close at 2:00 PM for three June Swim Team events.